

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE RANGING SERVICE.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS,

RELATIVE TO

Persons employed in the ranging service of the United States during the last war with Great Britain.

FEBRUARY 9, 1847.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Whereas there are persons now living in this State who in early life, and when our country was a wilderness, settled here and encountered the dangers of the tomahawk and scalping knife of the savage, together with the privations incident to the settlement of a new country, and who, when war was declared between this country and Great Britain, gallantly defended its interests, vindicated its rights, and endured hardships equal to those for whom Congress has provided pensions and other modes of relief:

And whereas the government of the United States has made no provision for those persons, or the families of those who lost their lives in that service; and as those fathers of their country and its early pioneers are fast sinking into their graves, unheeded and unprovided for by the government and country they have so faithfully and efficiently served; many of them, in consequence of exposure and hardships encountered in the service of their country, as well as on account of their advanced age, being unfitted to support and maintain themselves during their declining years: therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, That we deem it due to the persons employed in the ranging service of the United States during the last war, that their names should be placed upon the pension list of the United States upon the same tenure and footing as others to whom pensions have been granted by our national government.

Resolved by this General Assembly, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of an act of the Congress of the United States for carrying into effect the provisions contemplated in the foregoing preamble and resolution.

NEWTON CLOUD,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOSEPH B. WELLS,

Speaker of the Senate.

Originated in the Senate.

H. W. MOORE, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, *Illinois.*

I, H. S. Cooley, Secretary of State, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy from the original resolutions on file in my office.

Witness my hand at Springfield, this 14th day of January, 1847.

H. S. COOLEY,
Secretary of State.

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